Maps of Greece, Epirus and Macedonia from the Times of Homer to the 6th Century AD

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Map 3
Map of Hellas, Macedonia, and Epirus
1st century BC
Source : Strabo's "Geography"

- *GRAECIA/HELLAS*
- *EPIRUS*
- *MACEDONIA*

This map shows Hellas, Macedonia, and Epirus, during the 1st century BC, according to Strabo's "Geography".

The names 'Epirus' and 'Epirots (Epirotae)' were first used during the 4th and 3rd centuries BC to refer to the land and peoples ruled by Pyrrhus King of the Molossians (Molossi). The Epirots were mainly composed of these peoples: the Molossians, the Amphilochi, the Athamanes, the Aethices, the Cassopaei, the Thesproti, the Chaones, the Paroraei and the Atintanes. The Talares were part of the Molossians.

During the 1st century BC, Epirus was part of the Roman province of Achaia. Macedonia was a separate province. Crete (Creta) was part of the province of Crete and Cyrenaica.

Strabo wrote during the 1st century BC and 1st century AD. His account concerning Hellas, Macedonia and Epirus is generally accurate, but it contains anachronisms and inaccuracies due to the mixture of older sources from different periods. Check Map 4 for a more accurate description of the situation during this period.

Selective Latin-English Index

All names on the maps are in Latin. This index shows the corresponding English forms of the most frequent names.

Achaei = Achaeans
Aetoli = Aetolians
Arcades = Arcadians
Athenae = Athens
Athenienses = Athenians
Boeoti = Boeotians
Creta = Crete
Cretes = Cretans
Danai = Danaans
Dorienses = Dorians
Elei = Eleans
Epirotae = Epirots
Euboeenses = Euboeans
Graeci = Hellenes, Greeks
Graecia = Hellas, Greece
Hellas = Hellas, Greece
Hellenes = Hellenes, Greeks
Iaones, Iones = Ionians
Illyrii = Illyrians
Insulae = Islands
Lacedaemonii = Lacedaemonians
Lacones = Laconians
Locri = Locrians
Macedones = Macedonians
Macedonia = Macedonia
Molossi = Molossians
Paeones = Paeonians
Pelasgi = Pelasgians
Phocenses = Phoceans
Romani = Romans
Thessali = Thessalians
Thraces = Thracians
Troes = Trojans
Troia = Troy

Common Legend For All Maps

Lands :

GRAECIA	1st level land
Thessalia	2nd level land = part of 1st level land
[Hestiaeotis]	3rd level land = part of 2nd level land
ACHAIA	province (type of 1st level lands) = division of the Roman Empire
Pindus	mountain
Rhodus	island
Athenae	town, village or port

Waters :

Axius	river, marsh, lake or sea

Peoples :

GRAECI	1st level people
Aetoli	2nd level people = part of 1st level people
[Eurytanes]	3rd level people = part of 2nd level people
———	borders between peoples / borders between lands
- - - - - -	maritime borders of Roman provinces